

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [0009]:

[0009.1] Figure 2 illustrates a cross sectional view of a thermometer in accordance with an embodiment of the invention.

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [0009.1]:

[0009.2] Figure 3 depicts a cross sectional view of a thermometer in accordance with another embodiment of the invention.

Please replace paragraph [0011] with the following amended paragraph:

[0011] In keeping with the invention, to protect against water damage, a seal a watertight seal 40 is provided between the first and second parts of the housing.

Please replace paragraph [0013] with the following amended paragraph:

[0013] In accordance with the invention, seal 40 may be a temperature resistant glue such as LOCTITE® high temperature glue 42, as depicted in Figure 2. Alternatively, seal 40 may comprise an ultrasonic weld created using an ultrasonic welding machine such as Model NK-1518 made by NEKON ULTRASONIC. In other embodiments, seal 40 may comprise a gasket 44 disposed between first and second portions 15 and 20 the housing with screws 43 (not shown) interconnecting the first and second portions as shown in Figure 3.